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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN ADDABBO ON AID TO THE  
 CONGRESS

1. THE SECRETARY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER DATED  
 DECEMBER 11 FROM CONGRESSMAN ADDABBO:

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE RECENTLY ENACTED H.J. RES. 648,  
 MAKING CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1985,  
 CONTAINS A PROHIBITION REGARDING ASSISTANCE TO THE  
 "CONTRAS" FIGHTING IN NICARAGUA. RECENT REPORTS HAVE  
 INDICATED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES ARE FURNISHING AID TO THE  
 "CONTRA" FORCES IN ORDER TO KEEP THEM A VIABLE MILITARY  
 FORCE EXERTING PRESSURE ON THE SANDINISTAS. OF THE  
 COUNTRIES IDENTIFIED IN THESE REPORTS AS FURNISHING SUCH  
 AID, SEVERAL ARE CENTRAL AMERICAN NEIGHBORS OF NICARAGUA  
 AND ARE THEMSELVES RECIPIENTS OF U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE  
 FUNDING. FOR EXAMPLE, EL SALVADOR HAS BEEN THE RECIPIENT  
 OF INCREASED U.S. AID SINCE THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT  
 DUARTE, AND IS IDENTIFIED IN THE REPORTS AS BEING ONE OF  
 THE COUNTRIES AIDING THE "CONTRAS". IF THESE REPORTS ARE  
 ACCURATE, I AM CONCERNED THAT COUNTRIES RECEIVING U.S.  
 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AID MAY BE UTILIZING A PORTION OF SUCH  
 AID TO ASSIST THE "CONTRAS" AND, IN SO DOING, EFFECT A  
 RATHER DEVIOUS CONTRAVENTION OF THE LAW PROHIBITING SUCH  
 AID.

I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS ISSUE  
 AS WELL AS YOUR ASSURANCE THAT NO U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE  
 FUNDING IS BEING UTILIZED TO EFFECT WHAT AMOUNTS TO  
 "REVOLVING DOOR" AID TO THE "CONTRAS".

WITH BEST WISHES.

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/S/

JOSEPH P. ADDABBO  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

END TEXT.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED RESPONSE  
TO ADDABBO.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. ADDABBO:

I AM PLEASED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO YOUR  
LETTER OF DECEMBER 11 TO THE SECRETARY IN WHICH YOU  
EXPRESSED YOUR CONCERN THAT U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO  
CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES IS BEING USED TO AID THE  
ANTI-SANDINISTA FORCES AND THEREBY CIRCUMVENTING THE  
PROHIBITION CONTAINED IN THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION FOR  
FY 1985.

OUR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FUNDS TO CENTRAL AMERICAN  
COUNTRIES, AS ELSEWHERE, ARE MONITORED VERY CLOSELY TO  
ENSURE THAT THEY ARE USED FOR THE PURPOSE INTENDED. IN  
EL SALVADOR, THE MANAGEMENT OF U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE  
IS PERFORMED BY THE U.S. MILITARY GROUP WHILE THE U.S.  
AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID) MISSION  
MANAGES ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE. WE CANNOT  
DETERMINE OR DICTATE HOW A NATION EXPENDS ITS OWN  
RESOURCES, HOWEVER, DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS AND DELIVERY OF  
EQUIPMENT THROUGH U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ARE  
CLOSELY SUPERVISED. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO U.S. FOREIGN

ASSISTANCE FUNDING OR EQUIPMENT PROVIDED THROUGH THE  
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT IS BEING DIVERTED TO THE  
ANTI-SANDINISTA FORCES OR A THIRD COUNTRY.

SINCERELY,

W. TAPLEY BENNETT, JR.  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

END TEXT.

3. REQUEST COMMENTS/CHANGES FROM ACTION ADDRESSEES AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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END OF MESSAGE

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